

January 20

2 Maccabees 1:24-29

“Prayer to the Creator of All Things”



²⁴ And the prayer
was after this manner;
O Lord, Lord God, Creator of all things,
who art fearful and strong, and righteous,
and merciful, and the only and gracious
King, ²⁵ The only giver of all things, the
only just, almighty, and everlasting, thou
that deliverest Israel from all trouble, and
didst choose the fathers, and sanctify
them: ²⁶ Receive the sacrifice for thy whole
people Israel, and preserve thine own
portion, and sanctify it. ²⁷ Gather those
together that are scattered from us, deliver
them that serve among the heathen, look
upon them that are despised and abhorred,
and let the heathen know that thou art our
God. ²⁸ Punish them that oppress us, and
with pride do us wrong. ²⁹ Plant thy people
again in thy holy place, as Moses hath
spoken.

This is how the prayer went
and what it meant:

YHVH, You are the CREATOR of all
things. You are worthy of great
reverence and you're powerful,
righteous, merciful and you are
so generous. You give all things and
are the only one who is fair, full
of might, and everlasting.

You have delivered Israel from
trouble in the past and you also
selected the fathers
of Israel and separated
them for your own purpose.



Please accept this sacrifice
for all of Israel. Preserve
and sanctify her because
she is personally your own.

Gather those of us who have been
scattered and deliver those who are
in bondage in heathen lands. Take
notice of those who are despised

and hated by the heathens
and let them know
you are our God. Punish those
who oppress us and who wrong us.
Secure your people in your holy place.
Reconnect us just as Moses has said.

That is a prayer which is still
worth praying to the Creator
of all things.